

### SOHI Dances

Soldotna High School believes in setting high standards for all students and we strive for excellence in the classroom. It is also our belief that as a School we should also provide for social activities to allow the students to have fun and interact with their fellow classmates from all grades. Our student body recognizes the fact that school dances are a privilege and not a requirement. Our students are charged with the responsibility to work with school staff to ensure that our dances are a good experience for the volunteer staff, parents and students who attend our Drug Free dances. The following are some guidelines to ensure that our students are safe and can enjoy each of our school dances throughout the school year:

1. Dances are for current Soldotna High School students and each student may invite one currently enrolled high school age student as their guest. All regular high school behavior policies apply, including appropriate attire and our students are responsible for the guest they invite.
2. Dances are to be sponsored by a recognized school club or organization.
3. Dances must be approved by the student council and the administration and a student council activity form filled out at least seven days prior to the time of the dance.
4. For Homecoming and Prom, guests may not be older than 20 years old.
5. Students who want to bring a guest to a dance must have the guest form completed and turned into the office the Wednesday before the dance.
6. The administration may deny entry to guests who interfere with school purposes or who may present a safety concern.
7. Students and their guests having once left a school dance are not permitted to return. To be considered a guest, the individual must arrive with, remain with and leave with the student who invited them.
8. Backpacks, water-bottles and drinks from outside the school are not allowed in the building.
9. All dances must have at least four faculty members, four parent chaperons and one administrator present. All faculty members will be charged with the responsibility of ensuring that student behavior is appropriate. Parents will be asked to report any inappropriate behavior to a faculty member. Both faculty members and parents will be asked to walk through the dance floor from time to time to ensure that appropriate behavior is taking place.
10. Most dances will start at 7:30 pm. No one will be admitted after 9:00 pm. Dances are 7:30-10:30 pm, (with the exception of Prom, 8-11 pm). At least one staff member will man the front doors at all times.
11. Cleanup is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. A custodial fee may be charged to the sponsoring organization should custodial help be required.
12. No Middle School students are permitted to attend SOHI dances.
13. Inappropriate or "dirty" dancing is prohibited. Students will keep appropriate distance from each other while dancing. Violators will be required to leave the dance. No refunds of admission will be made. If large numbers of students engage in inappropriate dancing, the dance will be stopped and refunds will not be given.
14. Through Advisory and with the help of staff members and community members, SOHI will make an effort to teach students various dances/dance moves, which we hope may enhance our school dances.
15. SOHI will ask our DJ's to vary the type of Music being played and Student Council will be in charge with helping to select appropriate music.
16. Students will not be allowed to sit on another students lap.
17. An Alco-wand and a Breathalyzer will be at the check-in station to ensure that our dances are Drug free. We will also ask the Soldotna Police to continue to be an active chaperon at our school dances.